

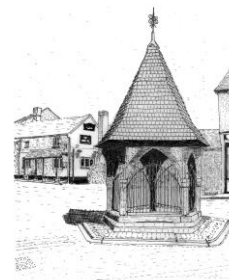
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## Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy For the Memorial Hall, Bovingdon

### References

Bovingdon Parish Council

in this document referred as

the Council

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This statement of policy and procedure applies to users of and activities in the Hall. This policy is in place to protect all children and vulnerable adults regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

#### **Children and young people**

Anyone under the age of 18 years

#### **Vulnerable Adult:**

Anyone over 18 who is:

- Unable to care for themselves
- Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation
- Or may be in need of community care services

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. All children and vulnerable adults have the right to protection from abuse whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect. The Council is committed to maintaining the welfare of people whilst they are using the Hall facilities.

This policy applies to:

- Anyone working for or on behalf of the Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity.
- Any individual or organisation hiring the Council's facilities for the purpose of delivering any service to children, young people or vulnerable adults.

The Council has no specific person, either Councillors or staff members who are involved in the care of children or adults at the Hall but will ensure that, should a concern arise, the correct procedures related to this policy are followed.

The Council will endeavour to keep the premises safe for use.

**The Council will ensure that all hirers/users of the Hall are aware that any safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the hirer.**

Hirers need to be aware that facilities such as the toilets might be shared with other groups and that appropriate supervision / arrangements should be made.

The Council will ensure that hirers are made aware of their obligations under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure that alcohol is not sold to those under the age of 18 and that no children may be admitted to films when they are below the age classification for the film or show. No gambling or entertainment of an adult or sexual nature shall be permitted on the premises.

Acceptance of the Hall's safeguarding policy is part of the agreed conditions of hire taken out on hiring the Hall.

A copy of this policy is available on the Council's website and will be displayed for the attention of all on the Hall notice boards. The policy will be reviewed on a regular basis